

News Release

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Changes announced for vehicle licensing, safety check programs

The County of Kaua'i is required to follow the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) Highways Division's following changes to its vehicle licensing and safety check programs as part of the effort to reduce face-to-face interactions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Driver's Licenses and State IDs

- The state is invoking a 90-day waiver on all expired driver's licenses and State
 identification cards. If your driver's license or State ID expires between March 23 and
 May 15, your credentials will be considered valid in the State of Hawaii for an additional
 90-days. The 90-day waiver for driver's licenses also applies to Commercial Driver's
 License (CDL) holders.
- In coordination with the county driver's licensing centers, HDOT has suspended all inperson driver's license transactions and in-vehicle testing. Please contact the County Driver's License division at 241-424.
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is accepting expired driver's licenses or State IDs that expired on or after March 1 for use at TSA checkpoints. See https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus for more information.
- On March 23, President Donald Trump announced that the Oct. 1, 2020 REAL ID deadline would be extended. The new deadline has yet to be announced.

Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (Safety Check)

The annual safety check requirement is suspended, and no safety checks will be done through the month of April. If your safety check is expired, it will remain valid through May 31.

To view a copy of the emergency proclamation, visit the County of Kaua'i's website at www.kauai.gov/KEMA.

For more information and to sign up for daily updates from the State Department of Health relating to current COVID-19 information, visit https://health.hawaii.gov/news/covid-19-updates/ or http://www.kauai.gov/COVID-19.

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